



One of Husker football coach Bomb Usburn's new recruits (right), awaits action during spring drills Monday. "I know he looks young," Usburn replied, "but he sures plays mature. In fact, he still has a lot of potential that's undeveloped. We also got the jump on other recruiters."

Blind deaf-mute acclaimed Foosball wizard sees ball

By Feet Legman

Foosball is just a center's pass and a forward's shot away from being sanctioned by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) as an inter-collegiate sport, according to UNL foosball coach Samuel F. B. Sureshot.

"Foosball's present popularity is only the tip of an iceberg," Sureshot said. "In two or three years we'll be having an NCAA national foosball tournament."

Sureshot, who came to UNL four years ago after an illustrious career at a small bar in the lower east side of Buffalo, N.Y., said he feels he is the exception rather than the rule.

Sureshot said he thinks the Midwest produces better foosball players than any other part of the nation.

"After all, what else is there to do around here other than drink beer and play foosball?" he said.

Nebraska's team is sponsored by the athletic department and operates on funds from the department and ticket sales from foosball matches.

According to Sureshot, the cooperation of the athletic department is extremely helpful.

"Athletic director Bob Baloney has been great to us. He's given us a room in the new fieldhouse (which should be completed in 10 or 12 years) with enough space for 10 tables," Sureshot said.

Following completion of the fieldhouse, Nebraska should have one of the top foosball facilities in the nation—even better than some of

the highly financed West Coast teams, according to Sureshot.

UNL's veteran team consists of eight seniors, two juniors, one sophomore and one freshman. The freshman, Fred "Sultan of the Pullshot" Fastwrist is one of the first freshmen to start for the Scarlet and Cream in recent years.

"It's highly unusual for a freshman to start because they lack the two or three years of barroom foosball experience they usually need to blossom into a star," Sureshot said.

He added that the 18-year-old Fastwrist has been sneaking into bars the past few years religiously.

Most of the team members live in the Union game room. The team's biggest problem is academic ineligibility. Rarely will the team members leave the tables in the Union to attend class, according to Sureshot.

The Big Red is blessed with a number of fine offensive players, but are lacking a top-notch defensive player.

Most defensive players possess a malady Sureshot calls "the Fertile Triangle," which occurs when the goalie and defensive men fail to work together as a team, leaving gaping holes in the goal mouth.

Contrary to a sport like rugby, which requires leather balls, foosball uses small plastic ones. In fact, a player does not need any balls to play foosball because they are supplied by the team.

No females have yet tried out for the team.

Coach Mses Fall ball as season is sprung

By Larry Stinks

With the first game against LSU moved to April 26, the UNL football team will hold three-a-day practices in order to prepare for the game while achieving the objectives of spring ball, according to Husker coach Bomb Usburn.

"We moved the opening date from Sept. 13 to April so the game could be televised," Usburn crooned. "After all, we need the money to pay our weight coach and the new secretary we hired."

Urburn confided that the practice schedules, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., shouldn't interfere with the players' normal class attendance.

"We told the gang to arrange their classes to fit practices this semester," Urburn noted. "After all, the fellas also are supposed to get educated while they're here."

"Everybody on the team is smart for a football player," he boasted, "so I don't think practice will interfere with what they've been doing scholastically."

Urburn promised the number of practices will really aid the coaching staff in deciding who will play.

"Whoever is still standing will play," he explained.

One area of concern this spring is finding a successor for graduated quarterback Rave Bumm. Urburn commented he had eight players out for the position.

"Unlike in the fall when we know who our quarterback is, in spring ball we don't prevent the defensive man from blind siding the quarterback, gouging his eyes, jumping on his stomach and biting his fingers," Urburn proclaimed.

"So whoever is still alive at the end will be our quarterback," he reasoned.

Urburn also announced that for the first time, a woman is trying out for the team. Libby Ration, a 115 lb. coed from Sunandfun, Nevada, will try for a position.

When asked why she went out for the team, Ms. Ration gushed, "I love to catch passes."

Obviously referring to her hands, Urburn hooted, "She's got a good pair."

"We'll probably use her in a split end position," Urburn remarked. "She has good moves."

Ms. Ration claimed she didn't think her physical ability would be a disadvantage in her quest to make the team. She added her desire would make the difference.

"I love to score," she cooed.



This western Nebraska lass practices her region's customary way of getting a husband.

Green gonzo gets graphic grassroots goodbye

bucky sorgum
jock strap

Nebraska fans: Rah rah red is dead. Sell your red winter coats, umbrellas, polo shirts and stadium blankets. Buy green instead and start thinking about all the advantages of this sporty color.

1. Green is an agricultural hue. What better way to represent an agricultural nickname like Cornhusker?

2. Instead of spending money on pom poms and penants, fans could wave corn stalks at football and basketball games. There would be no litter problem. All types of Nebraska corn stalks are completely bio-degradable.

3. Green is such an earthy color. Who can find fault with the fan who wears the colors of Mother Nature? Homes will be painted shades of green instead of red—it will tone down the intensity of the neighborhood.

4. Green is a Christmas color. Your football and basketball trinkets and buttons can still double as tree ornaments.

Things would work out pretty well for the players and coaches, too. More money would probably be issued for scholarships. After all, what better way could the UNL elite to show their loyal support? More cold hard cash, in school colors, for the athletic department.

Tom Osborne would enjoy a great increase in game plan strategy. He could uniform his players in green from head to foot. That way when the split ends run their post patterns they will blend into the Astro Turf and completely confuse their defensive defenders. Greenshirt defense is a little less racy than black shirt.

Cip and his basketball team would have a decided advantage, also. Jerry Fort could get green tinted contacts to match his uniform. That way when they fall out on the court they can be spotted easier. Wearing green might give the team the luck of the Irish and the talent of Notre Dame.

The baseball team could have a new grass infield to improve their playing conditions and add a little more of that old school spirit.

Frank Seigne's polo vaulters could use green poles and not harm the scenic conditions behind the Coliseum.

"Go Big Green." Doesn't sound too bad, does it? How about the Green Machine. Future dynasties of green, green, green. Green streak sports sections and green balloons at UNL football games.

Feasible, but not probable. There isn't enough Irish blood in Nebraska yet, John O'Leary, however, is working on it.